

REMARKS

Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections expressed in the Office Action dated November 29, 2002 is respectfully requested in light of the following.

The Examiner is thanked for all the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephonic interview of July 24, 2003. In light of this interview, it is respectfully submitted that all of the solicited claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 6-9 and 20-34 are solicited, wherein claim 32 has been amended to more clearly define and further distinguish over the prior art.

In the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 2,663,048 to Ross, Jr., et al (hereinafter "Ross").

As acknowledged by the Examiner during the aforementioned interview, independent claim 32, as amended, clearly distinguishes over Ross. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 32 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 33 and 34 depend from claim 32. In that claim 32 is believed allowable, claims 33 and 34 are also believed to be allowable.

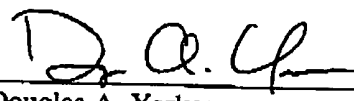
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 6-9 and 20-31.

The Examiner's kind attention is directed to the Petition to Correct Inventorship, filed concurrently herewith, requesting the deletion of the name of Jason C. Brooke as an inventor of the present application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the solicited claims are in proper condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any questions or comments arise during the course of reconsideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted

  
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